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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/45/899)]

45/255. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, by which, inter alia, it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the programme budget for the following biennium,

Recalling also its resolution 43/214 of 21 December 1988 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1990-1991 and use and operation of the contingency fund,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination 2/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

1. Reaffirms that the proposed programme budget outline, being a part of the new budget process, is in a developmental period, that its methodology requires greater improvements, transparency and accuracy and that the whole exercise should

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1/ A/45/369.

2/ See A/45/16 (Part II).

3/ A/45/878.

be applied with flexibility, in accordance with resolution 41/213 and resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and notes the intention of the Advisory Committee to study further the methodology of the outline;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 on the basis of the total preliminary estimate provided by the Advisory Committee of 2,006,200,000 United States dollars at the initial 1990-1991 rates indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ to be adjusted at 1992-1993 rates;

4. Decides that the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 shall provisionally be established at a level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate at 1992-1993 rates (or 2,462,400,000 dollars at the 1992-1993 rates indicated by the Advisory Committee), i.e. 19 million dollars, and recalls that the level and mode of operation of the contingency fund shall be reviewed by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session in accordance with paragraph 4 of its resolution 44/200 B of 21 December 1989;

5. Takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General and the views expressed by Member States on priorities, and endorses the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination thereon, and requests the Secretary-General to pay particular attention to them in preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

6. Recognizes that the outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium, while ensuring that such resources are adequate for the fulfilment of the objectives, programmes and activities of the Organization, as mandated by the relevant legislative bodies of the United Nations, thereby facilitating the widest possible agreement on the programme budget;

7. Takes note of the rate of real growth, compared with the previous budget, indicated by the Secretary-General in his report, and stresses that the methodology for the preparation of the outline and the programme budget should be revised, taking into account the views of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee as well as the need for increased transparency in the methodology used to reflect inflation and currency fluctuations;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in accordance with the present resolution and all resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly pertinent to the new budgetary process.

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